

# Gaily Forward

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## A New High Holy Days Experience

By DANIEL CHESIR

We are pleased to announce a new High Holy Days spiritual experience for Sha'ar Zahav members and our guests. Through generous anonymous gifts, we have been able to purchase the two volume set of the newly published Union for Reform Judaism's machzorim (High Holy Days prayer-books), Mishkan Hanefesh.

The ritual committee and Va'ad recognized that our machzor, written and published by the congregation in the early 80s, was no longer facilitating a meaningful prayer experience. It has become quite dated, with language no longer giving true expression to today's LGBTQ and Jewish experience. We are not the same congregation now as we were then.

Two options were presented, analyzed and discussed before the Va'ad voted overwhelmingly to acquire the machzorim for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as we return to celebrate at the renovated Herbst Theatre.

When we wrote our machzor, there was no published alternative that met our needs for inclusive language and LGTBQ concerns. However, times have changed and the Reform movement has caught up with us. All of the Hebrew in Mishkan Hanefesh is fully transliterated with translations in gender-neutral language. It's a beautiful book, with copious annotations, contemporary poetry, art, alternative readings and explanatory notes.

*"The Mishkan Hanefesh...does an excellent job of reflecting our principles of gender neutrality and inclusivity."*

The other option was that we should, following the example of our siddur, create an updated edition of our current machzor. After discussing the issue at two Ritual Committee meetings, the decision came to the Va'ad, with many people speaking passionately in favor of each of the two alternatives. The Va'ad asked a subcommittee to review Mishkan Hanefesh to determine if it would be in accordance with the guiding principles we had established for Siddur Sha'ar Zahav. The reviewers determined that, in most respects, Mishkan Hanefesh adheres to these (continued on pg. 4)

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# Today's Graduates Enter A New World

by Rabbi Ted Riter



In 1998, Beloit College in Wisconsin released its first "Mindset List" with the aim of preparing their faculty and staff for a new crop of college freshmen. When this year's graduating class entered school in 2012, the authors wrote: These students "have always lived in cyberspace, women have always piloted war planes and space shuttles, there have always been blue M&Ms, but no tan ones, and White House security has never felt it necessary to wear rubber gloves when gay groups have visited."

A Jewish "Mindset List" for this year's graduates might also include: Women have always been rabbis, openly identified LGBTQ Jews have always been rabbis, Oreos have always been kosher, Birthright Israel has always been a great free option to visit Israel, and there's always been a Jewish app for that!

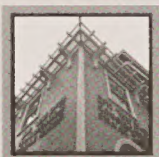


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**The Judaism we taught you is only the tip of the iceberg!**

*#DigDeeper #AskQuestions #YouAreTorah*

I admit it is easy to look at both the secular and Jewish Mindset lists from the perspective of: "They (the current graduates) don't recognize what we (an older generation) had to go through, the challenges we faced, the doors we opened for them." For some, no doubt, this is true. Though they may have heard stories of having to walk uphill both to and from school and the finger pinch of a rotary dial phone, it's difficult for anyone to really understand what an older generation experienced.



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**Everything old is new again.**

*#YayJudaism*

Fortunately, we can also look at these Mindset lists and celebrate what the new graduates have ahead

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of them. Barriers have been lowered for entry into Jewish life today. LGBTQ Jews, women, Jews of Color, Jews with disabilities, and Interfaith families are able to experience a Jewish world only imagined by older generations. And because of more open access, this is one of the most exciting times to be Jewish.

The Jewish world is more creative now than perhaps at any other point in Jewish history. Jewish incubators and accelerators abound, and the Bay Area is a hotspot for innovative Judaism with locally based organizations: At the Well, Moishe House, Urban Adamah, Wilderness Torah, and of course the nationally recognized incubator UpStart.

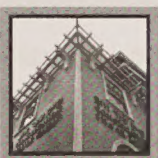


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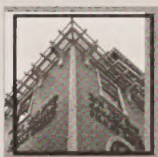
To all of our graduates: As you step into your post-college world, and especially a new Jewish world, our hope and prayer for you is that it may be a new chapter in life filled with adventure, meaning, love, and blessings.



ShaarZahavMedia / 10:37AM - June 28th, 2016

**We love you unconditionally.**

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# The Unsung Heroes of Sha'ar Zahav

by Past President Laura Lowe



It's hard to believe that my two years are almost up. The time went by fast. I know that we are in good hands for the future and we are moving in a positive direction. We have accomplished so much.

As I prepare to step down, I have a lot of people to thank, starting with Rabbi Riter and Cantor Bernstein, who have been great partners to me.

I want to thank the members of the Va'ad. We have a remarkable group of leaders. Every discussion is conducted with respect and thoughtfulness. The Va'ad has spent so much time making certain that we think about what's best for our congregation as a whole. We've dealt with some tough issues and had some late meetings. I can't thank them enough for their dedication.

Our wonderful office & facilities administrator, Carrie Kwong. Carrie is an inspiration to me. She is in the office every day, helping everyone who calls, e-mails or stops by. Carrie is dedicated to our success.

We are so lucky that Sharon Heath stepped in as our temporary office administrator. Sharon makes sure that the bills are paid, our staff is paid and that we keep moving in the right direction.

I want to thank Jason Ashworth and Matt Diana, who keep our building clean, set up the onegs, move the tables, clean the carpeting and make sure the building is ready for all our events. The wine is poured and the challah is warm because of Matt and Jason. We are blessed to have them working for us.

My deepest appreciation goes to Marty Rawlings-Fein. When Rebecca left, Marty shifted his work life around and took on the position of temporary Educator. Everyone at Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer has been so happy with the work Marty has done for our religious school.

Finally, a big thank you to our members. Without your support my presidency would not have been such a blessing for me. So many of you have worked hard over the last two years to make sure that we had music, hikes, the JGF, services, programs, home-baked cakes and lots of fun. You have supported Sha'ar Zahav financially during this time of transition. You have made wonderful community. I am a member of Sha'ar Zahav because of you.

## SHA'AR ZAHAV NEW HIGH HOLY DAYS EXPERIENCE

(from the cover) principles. For example, it does an excellent job of reflecting our principles of gender neutrality and inclusivity, using gender neutral and gender inclusive language.

A few of our original written prayers and readings will be included in our services, either by projecting them or reading them from the bimah. Our services will be different in that, in accordance with Reform practice, there are no distinct Shacharit (morning) and Musaf (additional) services. Rather, the Shofar service on

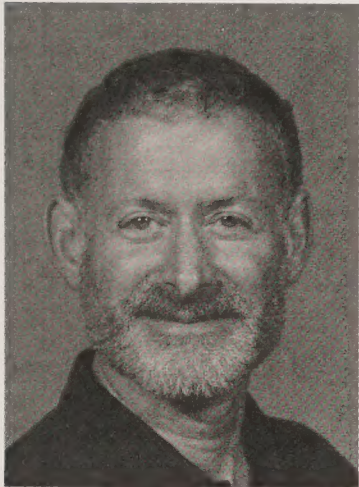
Rosh Hashanah and the Avodah service on Yom Kippur have been incorporated into one unified service for each day.

The Ritual Committee, along with our rabbi and cantor, looks forward to opportunities for meaningful, spiritual, and enriching worship that the Mishkan Hanefesh will provide for the Sha'ar Zahav community during the Yamim Nora'im, Days of Awe, this coming fall and for many years to come.



## Stepping Into Big Shoes

by Michael Chertok



I'm honored and excited to serve as Sha'ar Zahav's president for the next two years. We are at a moment in time where we have the opportunity to do great things together. I believe our community has enormous potential to continue to create authentic and transformative Jewish ex-

periences that are deeply meaningful and relevant to our lives.

We also have an opportunity to chart a new path for our shul at a time when lesbian and gay people have achieved a level of rights in our national community, and equality in our Reform Jewish community, that we never dreamed possible. While this is not as true for our transgender and sexual members, we've all come a long way. And frankly, I'm a bit intimidated. That's in part because of the big shoes I'm stepping into. Laura and our past Presidents before her have done an awesome job leading our community to this moment. I've learned from Laura and other leaders just how challenging it is to be in this role.

Soon we will begin a search for a new rabbi. I'm delighted that Karen Schiller and Alex Ingersoll have agreed to co-chair this process; we are in very capable hands.

In addition, we're in the process of rolling out new messages about our community. These define us based on the experiences we have at Sha'ar Zahav rather than by our sexual orientations. The new messages don't change the fact that our community is grounded in a queer ethos, nor do they represent a shift in our core values. They emerged from a process of introspection, and reflect different facets of our identity. Just as few of us want to be known only by our sexuality or gender identity, this work will help others know us as we truly are. By the time a new

president takes the role I'm now embarking on, I hope we will no longer be identified only as the gay synagogue or the LGBT shul.

Another area I'd like to work on together with you over the next couple of years. At our Town Hall meeting last November, we shared an aspirational statement, "Sha'ar Zahav's governance structure reflects a respectful partnership between lay and professional leaders, with roles that are clearly articulated." When Rabbi Riter read these words, they elicited giggles, precisely because of how much difficulty we've had fostering this sort of respectful partnership in our community.

Over the past few months, several of you have commented to me, "So, I understand you'll be taking over." I know this is just a figure of speech, referring to assuming responsibility for tasks such as setting the agenda for our Va'ad meetings. And, I sometimes heard it with the more authoritarian meaning of having power and control, which made me chuckle. In my experience, serving as a leader in our community is about managing process and building consensus.

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nity to this moment."*

I've come to value process and consensus-building through my leadership experience in our community, and I've seen the tremendous value of it in my work outside Sha'ar Zahav. At the same time, I see how our queer, feminist and Jewish anti-author- (continued on pg. 9)



## Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer

By MARTIN RAWLINGS-FEIN

Shalom Chaverim,

The past year we had an amazing experience at Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer BSPM which pulled together our educators, parents and students to expand our existing community and learning offerings. I am so proud of all the students who made it through the year with new Hebrew skills, gained a better understanding of what it means to be an articulate Jew, and cultivated a more nuanced view of how prayer and gratitude can change our outlook.

something that do on a weekly basis through the Social Action Club. In our children's school, we are continually reflecting the divine values of justice (tzedek), compassion (chesed), and peace (shalom) through our outside events such as partnering with synagogue volunteers for the SF-Marin Food Bank, the National AIDS Memorial Grove and other social justice-themed activities.

Introduced this past year, our Prayer Circle has taught students of all ages about the



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*- Martin Rawlings-Fein*

This fall you will see the many additions to the BSPM offerings. We are headed back to the Congregational Retreat, which is a wonderful opportunity for all members of our community to gather for a summer weekend of Shabbat celebration, learning and relaxation.

We have a Jewish Video Club (JVC) where we create thoughtful Jewish video content for the synagogue's website, Facebook and YouTube pages. Social media is an integral part of our congregation's growth, and it enables us to tell the world our stories.

An important part of our spiritual life at BSPM is social action and social justice. Making the world a better place through tikkun olam is

Shabbat service in ways that elicit questions and bring further understanding of why, what and how we pray. Our Prayer Circle is an inter-generational Shabbat morning program which invites adults and children to join together in an early morning service, open to the entire community, before heading to our Hebrew Enrichment program.

If you would like to assist in any of these endeavors, please contact [education@shaarzahav.org](mailto:education@shaarzahav.org) and let us know what gifts you can bring, whether logistical, technical or monetary.

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## Sh'ma Koli

By JANE RICE



For me, conversion means affirmation. At the age of 8, I asked my mother why the other neighborhood children went to Sunday school.

"Just tell them you are nothing," she said, meaning that we believed in nothing. Yet her words made me feel different and alone.

As a twelve-year old, I kept asking questions. I read *The Diary of Anne Frank*. I heard the story of Passover that April from my Jewish uncle, as he taught me to bake bread. We had plenty of time as we waited for the yeast to rise. How he delighted in the irony. "You can choose what you want to believe when you grow up," my

Painting by Morgan Olgilvie  
(Jane's daughter-in-law)

mother said. Yet my Jewish husband, Michael, had no expectation that I convert. "It is about God, you know," he said. "Besides, I love you just the way you are." I saw no way to become the person I always wanted to be, and no way to be most deeply myself. I was unaware how one even became a Jew by choice. As Chicken Souper volunteers with Jewish Family and Children's Services, Michael and I came to know the kitchens at Sherith Israel and Beth Shalom long before we ever set foot in either sanctuary. Yet by committing our time to the Jewish community, we had begun a significant journey.

So I went to the mikvah in the month of Elul, 5770, the same year both our sons were married. We celebrated the significance and joy of choice, just as every week Michael and I welcome Shabbat together. At Sha'ar Zahav a community of friends surrounds us and strengthens us in ways we gratefully acknowledge.

## SHA'AR ZAHAV YOUTH UPDATE

At Sha'ar Zahav, we consider all of the children who grow up in our synagogue as "our children." Here's what's happening with the B'nei Mitzvah class of '06 - '07:

- Sophie Rose Macks, Shayna Prochovnik and Sophie Navarro are graduating from Macalester College in Minnesota, and Sophie Macks is continuing on to an Avodah fellowship in Chicago.
- Daniel Meyer-O'Keeffe is graduating from Bard in New York and will continue studying at McGill in Montreal.
- Hannah Pines-Schwartz completed two years at the University of North Carolina, Asheville, is working in the Bay Area, and will be completing her degree in California.

- Elijah Jatovsky is graduating Georgetown in Washington, D.C. and will be joining the Peace Corps in Central America.
- Arno Rosenfeld is completing his BA degree at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.
- Jonathan Williams attended San Francisco State University and left for a job in the Bay Area.
- Max Malakoff is at UC Davis after his two years of service in the Israel Defense Forces.

Please let us know what your child is up to. Submit information to the [jgf@shaarzahav.org](mailto:jgf@shaarzahav.org) so we can all follow their progress in future issues.



## Musical Treasures

By SHARON BERNSTEIN



In Jerusalem, in the heart of the National Library housed at the Givat Ram campus of the Hebrew University, is a mythical place known as the Fonoteca.

It didn't look mythical when I first encountered it.

Tucked behind one of many identical wooden doors along an obscure hallway, it was a small room with some plain wooden tables and chairs, a couple of computer terminals, and numerous old-fashioned card catalogs. Nothing to indicate the enormous treasures that lay within. Housed here are thousands upon thousands of ethnographic recordings made by musicologists working with the Jewish Music Research Center (JMRC).

The JMRC was founded in 1964 by Prof. Israel Adler at the Hebrew University with the goal of studying the musical cultures of Jewish communities of the past and present. It is a vast repertoire: each community of Jews around the world has produced its own distinct music and musical forms, overlapping with local surrounding musical cultures, and with individual synagogues, musicians, and chazzanim (cantors) developing their own particular styles and variants.

Going to the Fonoteca felt like a combination of being a kid in a candy store and participating in one of those old game shows where a prize is hidden behind a curtain. The recordings were mostly on reel-to-reel tape, and while the contents were catalogued, there was always

more to it than one could realize from the listed inventory, with surprises lurking within each reel. The bim-bom L'cha Dodi and Hassidic Hinei Mah Tov that we use at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav for Klezmer Shabbat came from there, as well as the idea for a niggun service, based on a recording of a Hassidic Kabbalat Shabbat in which there was a soaring multi-part niggun interspersed with quick chanting of the text.

The recordings from the Fonoteca (now in fancy new digs) are still being digitized, and are not yet online, but eleven years ago, with the beginning of Hazmanah LaPiyut (An Invitation to Piyut) -- an organization dedicated to the revitalization of the traditions of singing Hebrew liturgical poems -- a number of the musical traditions housed in the Fonoteca are easily available on-line, and a movement of communal piyut singing, which began in Israel, is now spreading to the US.

Piyutim offer an opportunity not only to enjoy exquisite poetic texts, but to enter into the vast array of Jewish musical traditions. One can (and we have) explore alternate tunes for our Shabbat prayers: an Adon Olam from Algeria, a L'cha Dodi from Tunisia, a D'ror Yikra from Morocco. And then there is the trove of possibilities for High Holy Days, including so far at CSZ: Ana B'koreinu (Answer our Call) from Libya and Sh'ma Koli (Listen to our Voices) from Bucharra (an ancient city in Uzbekistan).

These alternate tunes serve a myriad of purposes: their sounds widen our senses, bring a sense of the exotic to the familiar, and, like a kaleidoscope, help us see texts in a new light. They also allow us to harmonically travel to communities all over the world, some of which no longer exist. Above all, it's tremendous fun. We'll be doing more Piyutim at High Holy Days and at workshops throughout the year. Join in (everyone welcome), and enjoy the treasure!



## 20 Out of 900

by JAMES CARLSON

If a baseball team posted only 20 wins in 100 games, they would not attract a large crowd. If 20 out of 800 was someone's SAT score, it wouldn't bode well for college admission. However, there are circumstances in which 20 out of 900 is something to celebrate.

In particular, of the 900 Reform congregations in North America, 20 were chosen to participate in the Union for Reform Judaism's new leadership training pilot program - and we're pleased to announce that Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is one of the 20 congregations participating in the Emerging Leaders program!

The program consists of ten modules with topics that include Congregational Governance, Leadership Skills, and Understanding Finance. We will begin our Emerging Leaders program at the end of August and continue through January 2017. Rabbi Riter, Paul Cohen and I are the program coordinators and plan to co-lead the module training alongside CSZ members who have particular expertise in the various topics. The program is designed to be interactive

and focused on problem solving, rather than passive learning.

One of the exciting aspects of participating in the pilot program is the module evaluation. The URJ has asked that we provide feedback on the teaching modules which will then be incorporated in creating refinements to improve the experience for the remaining 880 congregations. (It's yet another way in which Sha'ar Zahav will influence the Reform Movement.) Sha'ar Zahav is honored to be a part of the Emerging Leaders pilot program and we are enthusiastic about implementing the program in our congregation.

### Now we need you.

We need your ideas, your passion, and your commitment to our congregation. We need you to raise your hand to be part of this cohort of future leaders. Please contact Rabbi Riter, Paul or me to find out more about being involved in this important opportunity.

## SHA'AR ZAHAV FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

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-itarian culture sometimes trips us up. This can happen when we unfairly challenge our leaders, without respecting their experience, wisdom and deep commitment to our community.

In the coming months, I hope you will engage with me, Rabbi Riter, Cantor Bernstein and our other staff and leaders, by bringing ideas to the table, challenging us to think in new ways, and asking thoughtful questions. I won't be especially surprised if, from time to time, I hear a complaint. However, if you have a real difference with me or other lay leaders, or with our

staff or our clergy, I encourage you to raise it directly with us respectfully in private communications. In this way, may we come to have disputes with outcomes that strengthen our community — and, I hope, dialogue that creates meaning and relevance in our lives.

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in memory of her mother Perle Press

### May 6-7

Flowers & Sat. Kiddush sponsored  
by the Olson-Dorf Family  
in honor of Sylvie Olson-Dorf's bat mitzvah

### May 20-21

Orchid sponsored  
by Jeffrey Auman  
in memory of Masha Zakheim

### May 27-28

Flowers sponsored  
by Ann Bauman & Kelly Theimann  
in honor of 24th anniversary  
Oneg sponsored  
by Alice Harron  
in memory of father Meyer J. Harron

### May 27-28

Sat. Flowers & Kiddush sponsored  
by the Persiko-Benjamin Family  
in honor of Serafina Benjamin's bat mitzvah

## May Their Memories Be For A Blessing:

### March

- 3 Allen Turpen  
father of AJ Turpen Fried
- 9 Sumner Kates  
uncle of Nancy Kates
- 11 Stephen J. Scherr  
brother of Judith Scherr
- 13 Marty Summit  
uncle of Sharyn Saslafsky

### April

- 25 Mollie Fyne  
mother of Andy Fyne
- 29 Eileen Hansen  
friend of Sharyn Saslafsky

### May

- 2 Dolores Mannix  
mother of Patricia Ryan



By MARC LIPSCHUTZ

**At the March Va'ad meeting we:**

- Planned for the future of Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer.
- Postponed rendering a decision pending about the High Holy Days prayerbooks until further evaluation of the URJ texts.
- Reviewed the first version of our 2016-2017 proposed budget.
- Prepared for the initiation of our Rainbow campaign.

**The Va'ad met twice in April. During our April 6, 2016 Special Va'ad Budget Meeting we:**

- Reviewed a proposed 2016 - 2017 budget, line by line.
- Initiated changes to reflect investments in our building, BSPM, programming, staffing, and High Holy Days.
- Finalized a budget to present for approval during our April 20, 2016 Va'ad meeting.

**At the April 20, 2016 Va'ad meeting we:**

- Fine-tuned and unanimously passed a 2016 - 2017 investment budget to present to our congregation during our May 25, 2016 Annual Meeting.
- Passed a motion to purchase Mishkan HaNefesh, the new Union of Reform Judaism machzor for the High Holy Days.
- Reviewed a proposed interfaith-related membership bylaw amendment, and tabled voting upon same pending further discussion.
- Assessed our Lightbox identity work, planned the next steps of sharing our stories, and appraised our new tagline, "Transcend the Ordinary."

**The Va'ad did not meet in May. In a departure from the third Wednesday of the month, the next Va'ad meeting is tentatively scheduled to occur on June 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. All CSZ members are always welcome to attend.**

SHA'AR ZAHAV NEW CLASSES SCHEDULED

**Shabbat Service Leadership - For both new and experienced service leaders.**

**Part I** – Exploring the Liturgy with Rabbi Riter --  
Saturday, July 9th, 11:30-1:00 PM

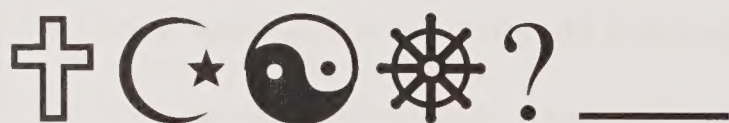
**Part II** – Developing and Honing Leadership Skills with Rabbi Riter --  
Saturday, July 23rd, 11:30-1:00 PM

**Part III** – Deepening our Music Knowledge with Cantor Bernstein --  
Saturday, August 20th, 11:30-1:00 PM

An Introduction to Mishkan HaNefesh, our new High Holy Day Machzor  
Saturday, September 3, 11:30-1:00 with Rabbi Riter



THE INTERFAITH EXPERIENCE AT CSZ



What does it mean to be part of a Jewish community if we are not Jewish? Where do we experience boundaries and where open doors?



What does it mean for us as Jews to be welcoming to those from other faiths, no faith or no specific faith tradition at all? Where do we feel the need to maintain tradition and where to share openly?

Please join us for a series of deep dialogue about the Interfaith Experience at CSZ. We will study historical texts, tell our own truths, and

ultimately recommend policy for the Sha'ar Zahav community.

Rabbi Riter will facilitate this dialogue. His rabbinical thesis was "A Case Study and Analysis of the Role of The Non-Jew in Reform Synagogues," and he has spent over 20 years studying and consulting on this topic.

**Part I:** noon-2p.m., July 24 (Sunday): 3-5p.m.

**Part II: (3 options for the same discussion)**

August 3 (Wednesday): noon-1:30p.m.

August 24 (Wednesday): 7-8:30p.m.

August 28 (Sunday): 3-4:30p.m.

**Part III:** September 10 or 11;

**Part IV:** November 6.;

**Part V:** December 4 – Congregational Meeting

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## July

- 1 Rachel Mailman
- 4 Edwin Gabay
- 5 Matthew Rostoker
- 6 David Roy Custead
- 9 Alexander Louis Konski
- 17 Steven P. Berman
- 25 Seth Miller
- 30 Phillip Resnick

## August

- 2 David H. Kotch
- 3 Hal Podgur
- 4 Jordan Berger
- 5 Ernie Weinstein
- 6 Jay Platt
- 7 Mark Landsberger
- 16 Peter Rosenfeld
- 18 Elliot Schneck
- 28 Jay Feinstein


## September

- 1 John Golebowski
- 3 Lee Gierson
- 5 Frances Pechter
- 6 Inbal Kashtan
- 6 Elliot Klein
- 11 Daniel McGoldrick
- 12 Arnie Jackson
- 15 David Pierce
- 18 Penny Dachinger
- 20 Edward Wolberg
- 25 Jeffrey Lewis Cohen



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# Congregation Sha'ar Zahav's High Holy Days Services 5776

**Saturday, September 24**

**Sunday, October 2**

**Monday, October 3**

**Tuesday, October 4**

**Sunday, October 9**

**Tuesday, October 11**

**Wednesday, October 12**

**Starting October 16**

Selichot – watch your weekly email for details

Erev Rosh Hashanah, 7:30 pm

Rosh Hashanah, 9:30 am

Tashlich, 2:00 pm @ Crissy Field

Rosh Hashanah, 9:30 am @ CSZ

Kevar Avot v'Imahot, 10:00 am @ Hills of Eternity

Kol Nidre, 7:30 pm

Yom Kippur, 9:30 am

Yizkor & Neilah, 5:30 pm

Sukkot and Simchat Torah – watch your weekly email for details

All services, unless otherwise noted,  
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